

BERRY PETROLEUM CO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DALE DONALD A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O BERRY PETROLEUM
COMPANY 5201 TRUXTUN

(Street)

BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BERRY PETROLEUM CO [BRY]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/14/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006		S	1,400	D \$ 33.01	10,798	D
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006		S	200	D \$ 33	10,598	D
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006		S	1,300	D \$ 32.99	9,298	D
Class A Common	12/14/2006		S	946	D \$ 32.98	8,352	D

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Stock							
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006	S	200	D	\$ 32.96	8,152	D
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006	S	223	D	\$ 33.03	7,929	D
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006	S	400	D	\$ 33.01	7,529	D
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006	S	200	D	\$ 32.97	7,329	D
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006	S	200	D	\$ 32.96	7,129	D
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006	S	600	D	\$ 32.95	6,529	D
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006	S	600	D	\$ 32.94	5,929	D
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006	S	100	D	\$ 32.93	5,829	D
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006	S	300	D	\$ 32.92	5,529	D
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006	S	300	D	\$ 32.91	5,229	D
Class A Common Stock	12/14/2006	S	1,575	D	\$ 32.9	3,654	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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- (4) The restricted stock units vests in four equal annual installments beginning December 15, 2006. Shares of Class A Common Stock will be delivered to the reporting person at the time of vesting.

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